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Smudge Pots May Save Citrus Crop

LOS ANGELES—Smudge pots were smoking in Southern California orchards today as citrus fruit growers attempted to save crops in the face of below freezing weather.

With groves being artificially heated to combat temperatures around 25 degrees, the Federal Fruit Frost Service predicted even colder weather for tonight and tomorrow.

Although the drop in temperatures brought severe cold weather, officials of the citrus associations expected little, if any damage to their rich crops. With the exception of isolated, exposed regions, most fruit ranches are equipped for concentrated smudging.

CRASH VICTIMS' NAMES REVEALED

EDMONTON—Airforce officials today announced the names of six men killed in a plane crash at Marsh Lake, near Whitehorse, N.W.T., yesterday. Killed were: Flt-Lt. Robert L. Curtin, communication flight pilot, Whitehorse; Sgdn-Ldr. Robert A. Buchan, commanding officer, R.C.A.F. Whitehorse; Sgdn-Ldr. H. Hartvikson, works and building officer, Whitehorse; Flt-Sgt. Joe Mihner, NCO in charge of fire fighting, Whitehorse; Flt-Sgt. C. Brookings, aero engine mechanic, section, Whitehorse; LAC Charles C. Brookings, civilian employee, Whitehorse; Ray O. Porter, electrician, a civilian employee. Airforce officials at Edmonton said no details of the crash are available.

DEFENCE FORCES NUMBER 42,905

OTTAWA—Defence Minister Claxton told the press today that Canada's three permanent defence forces were 42,905 strong at the end of 1945. He announced it is not intended to recruit personnel other than 75 per cent of number set for planning purposes a year ago. "The international situation and changes in the type of weapons make it undesirable to set the composition or character of future armed forces in Canada," he declared. He said the co-ordination of armed forces, amalgamation of the services, consolidation of several directorates of three services including medical, dental and hospital, are all under consideration to bring about the greatest possible economy and efficiency through co-operation.

WANTS PENSION INCREASED

VANCOUVER—Increased old age pensions, overhauling of British Columbia's labor legislation, and compulsory automobile insurance were urged by Harold E. Winch, CCF opposition leader last night. Speaking over the CBC, Mr. Winch said the rising living cost made it imperative that old age pensioners receive "a greater share of the \$50,000,000 the government will spend in the next fiscal year." If the federal government did not act, then the B.C. legislature should grant additional bonus from provincial revenues, he said.

HAIL PRICE DROP

WASHINGTON—United States government officials today hailed the Ford's automobile price cut yesterday as encouraging in a start toward a general price reduction which President Truman asked of all industries.

MORE ARRESTS

OTTAWA—Royal Canadian Mounted Police today announced the summoning of two more persons charged in the ration coupon ring allegedly trafficking ration coupons taken from destroying rats of paper plants near Hull, Quebec. Summoned were Clifford Howard, E. B. Eddy labor foreman and Terence Cote, Ottawa retail grocer, bringing to 18 the number of accused in the ration coupon ring.

NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT

PARIS—Vincent Auriol, veteran Socialist leader, today was elected president of France, against other candidates De Ribes, Cassin and Clemenceau. It was the second honor in two days for Auriol, 62, elected Tuesday as president of the National Assembly when the resignation was accepted of Leon Blum, interim president. French Communists supported Auriol because he desired to "give the election a national union character."

ORDER NEW TRIAL

VANCOUVER—Davis Houston, 28-year-old halfbreed, is charged with the murder of Mrs. Beatrice Smith, a camp cook, but he stood in court here and declared his father was a doctor. The case was denied by the father, Ernest Houston, and the jury was discharged last night when it was reported it disagreed after a three-day trial. A new trial was ordered and it will open today. Mrs. Smith was beaten to death at Belize Inlet, B.C., on November 3.

PRICE REDUCTION ON FORD CARS

DETROIT—The Ford Motor Company, moving quickly to general industrial trends of recent months, announced Wednesday immediate price reductions on current models, with a decrease as much as \$50 on some models. It was the first announced by any car maker since the war ended, and may forecast a big increase in production volume. The announcement did not give a breakdown on price reduction by models.

TRANSPORT STRIKE ENDS

LONDON—The transport and general workers union announced today the end of a 14-day old strike, involving at least 50,000 men in work stoppages, which immobilized the port of London, has ended and the strikers will return to work on Saturday. It is unofficially understood the strikers' demands for a 44 hour week and an eight hour day with overtime pay were granted by the Road Haulage Association, representing the employers. The vote to return to work was almost unanimously informed sources said. The decision was announced after a closed meeting of union officials and strikers' delegates. Over 100 ships were tied up by the strike of 20,000 dockers and stevedores who walked out in protest. Continued on Page 12

Plans For Building 35 Additional Vets' Houses Take Concrete Form As Council Favors Preparing Bylaw

One Alderman Objects Owing to Seasonal Labor Situation in Kelowna—Thinks Means of Livelihood Should be Provided as Well as Homes—Action of Some Municipalities in Raising Rent of Veterans Scored by Another Councillor—City's Contribution to Scheme Almost 100 per cent, says Mayor—May Build Homes on Stockwell Avenue, Bay Avenue and Okanagan Boulevard

PLANS for the construction of thirty-five additional war time houses in Kelowna took concrete form last Monday night, when the City Council instructed the City Clerk to prepare a bylaw prior to the city entering into negotiations with Wartime Housing Limited. Under a plan submitted by Alderman Jack Horn, seven homes will be constructed on Stockwell Avenue, between Ethel and Graham Streets; eighteen on Bay Avenue, between Ellis and Richter, and ten houses on Okanagan Boulevard.

Urgent need for additional homes for war veterans was emphasized by several aldermen, and although one member of the Council was opposed to the construction of more homes due to the seasonal labor situation, when a vote was taken, all members were in favor of the city preparing a bylaw. This will probably be submitted at the next meeting of the Council for the first three readings.

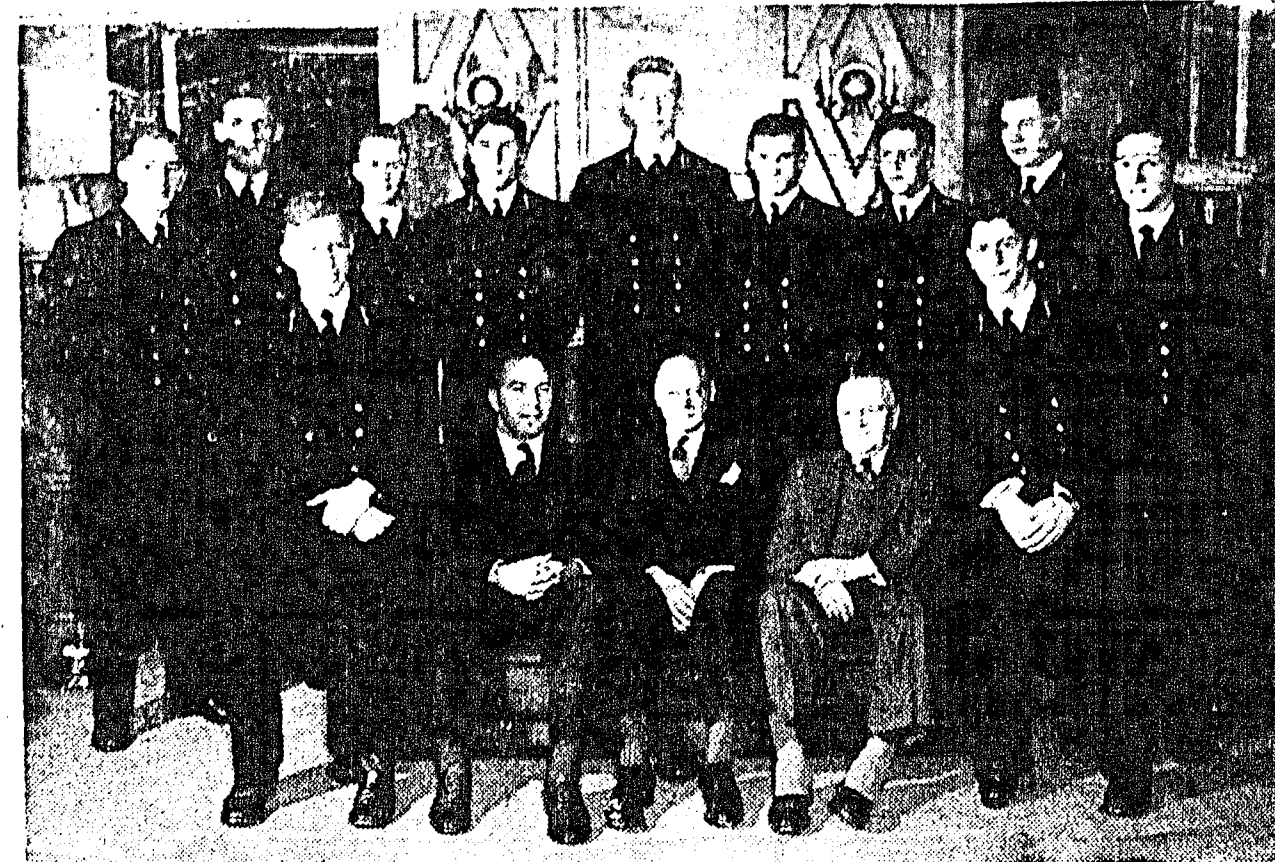
"I won't be voting for it—not because I am not in sympathy with the veterans, but because of the abnormal expansion of the city and

the growing number of unemployed. Additional homes means that many more men will be among those seasonally employed, and we would not be doing the men a favor. We have to provide means of livelihood as well as homes," Alderman R. P. Walrod declared.

Major Contribution
Alderman O. L. Jones queried the amount the city received from Wartime Housing Ltd. for taxes and sewer services. Informed that it amounts to around \$20 to \$24 a year—\$12 of which covers sewerage cost. Turn to Page 6, Story 3

Ferry Income Hits New High

Former Sea Cadets Attend Ceremony



Eleven former Sea Cadets from all over Canada who are now attending the Royal Canadian Naval College at Royal Roads, B.C., on Navy League Scholarship, are pictured above when they recently met the Co-ordinator of Sea Cadets for the Naval Service, R. C. Stevenson, of Montreal. Mr. Stevenson is shown seated with (left to right) Fox, chairman of Sea Cadets in Victoria, and J. R. K. Millin, assistant to Mr. Stevenson.

The cadets, left to right, are: R. J. Nurss, R.C.N., of Toronto; H. W. Smith, R.C.N., of Toronto; T. H. Ellis, R.C.N., of Winnipeg; D. A. McDonald, R.C.N., of Kelowna; G. R. Siroom, R.C.N., of Halifax; H. E. Thomas, R.C.N., of Quebec City; J. F. Miles, R.C.N., of London, Ont.; D. G. Currie, R.C.N., of Toronto; D. McCubbin, R.C.N., of Calgary; R. Ratcliffe, R.C.N., of St. Catharines, Ont.; and H. W. Plant, R.C.N., of Montreal.

Board of Trade Requests Gov't Policy Regarding Future Of Japs In B.C.

General Meeting Approves Executive's Stand in Asking for Continuous Fe. y Service—Urges Executive to Press for Establishment of National Park on Westside of Lake—Want Implementation of Recommendations of Recent Flood Control Report—E. W. Barton Made Board Life Member

MEMBERS of the Kelowna Board of Trade on Tuesday night approved the action of the executive in asking Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King the government's policy regarding the future of the Japanese in Canada. They also passed resolutions approving the executive's stand upon the ferry schedule question; urged the executive to press to the limit of its ability for the establishment of a national park on the westside of the lake, and instructed the executive to press for implementation of the recommendations of the recent report on methods to control the flooding of Okanagan Lake.

E. W. Barton, who served the Board as secretary-treasurer for twenty-one years and who resigned last May, was made a presentation and was elected a life member of the Board. The meeting also instructed the executive to write a letter to Lee Bon, prominent Chinese citizen, who is leaving for China, the letter to commend him for his citizenship and his assistance in various war and civic efforts such as Victory Loans and Red Cross drives during the past few years.

T. R. Hill, newly appointed secretary, was introduced to the meeting by President W. T. L. Roadhouse, who explained that the executive had regretfully accepted the resignation of D. Disney. The Japanese question, brought back into the open after a lapse of some years, was discussed without heat, and Kelowna representatives to the meeting of the Okanagan Mainline Associated Boards of Trade, meeting in Revelstoke this week, were instructed to bring the matter to the attention of that meeting.

The matter was introduced by President W. T. L. Roadhouse, who reported that the executive's attention had been drawn to the fact that the Emergency Powers Act would expire no later than March 31, and it was under this act that the orders-in-council regarding the Japanese control were made effective. He stated that the executive, Turn to Page 12, Story 2

Mosquito Control

Gardeners, Picnickers and Fishermen May Benefit Through Long Range Plan

City residents may work in their gardens during the long summer evenings—picnickers may be able to enjoy lying under the trees at the city park—fishermen will be able to throw away the bottle of mosquito oil— and junior will be able to swim until his heart is content, if, when, and how the city's long range mosquito control program gets underway. But judging from plans already in action, the pests will be eliminated, not only in the Kelowna area, but the entire southern part of the Okanagan, providing the necessary co-operation is forthcoming from other municipalities.

At the City Council meeting on Monday night, Alderman R. P. Walrod gave a preview of the long range program that may be put into operation with the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture. Airplanes may be used to spread a new type of mosquito exterminator recently developed by the Department of Agriculture, that will completely eliminate the pests.

52 per Acre
Alderman Walrod said the Department of Agriculture will support the program, and that the cost will probably run about \$2 per acre for one application, and from

50 cents to \$1 an acre for additional applications. He said he hoped that the application would be all that would be necessary to eliminate all breeding spots.

Jaycees May Help
"The success of the program depends upon the activity of an organization that is willing to help in the campaign," he said, adding he thought the Junior Chamber of Commerce would be willing to give assistance.

"The idea is to get a map of the area with all the known breeding spots. The flight of the mosquitoes has been determined at around three miles, so on the basis, we can work on a three mile radius of the city. We hope to include Glenmore in the program, as well as other southern points right down to Oliver, and if they come in, the costs would naturally be much lighter," he declared.

The alderman further stated that tests would be made of all the surrounding sloughs, and "we hope the only mosquitoes to be found will be in rain barrels."

Mayor W. B. Hughes-Games, who has taken an active interest in the mosquito control campaign, was enthusiastic over Alderman Walrod's report, but queried over the

OKANAGAN TRADE BOARDS SUPPORT STAND

(special dispatch to Courier)

REVELSTOKE — The Okanagan Mainline Associated Boards of Trade today passed a resolution urging the Federal government to announce its policy regarding the future of Japanese in British Columbia.

Text of the resolution was "that this association point out to the Dominion authorities the danger of an influx of Japanese into the interior of B.C. following the expiry of the Emergency Powers Act on March 31, and urge legislation to prevent such a situation developing."

The association also passed a resolution urging the Department of Public Works to adopt a permanent policy of a 24-hour ferry service between Kelowna and Westbank. The City of Vernon seconded the motion.

HERB CAPOZZI OFFERED BIG BALL CONTRACT

\$4,000 Football Contract Is Tendered Kelowna Youth by New York Giants

Herb Capozzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Capozzi, of Kelowna, has been recognized for his prowess as a football player by the tendering of a \$4,000 contract from the team secretary of the New York Giants of the National Football League.

If this contract is accepted by the twenty-one year old star, it will be the first time that a Vancouver player's talents have been recognized, sought and accepted by the National Football League.

Herb, who is in his last year of Arts at the University of British Columbia, starred in football for the Kelowna College and is the outstanding member of the famous U.B.C. Thunderbird team.

Vancouver sportswriters surmise that the player was probably playing with the Thunderbirds in the Northwest Conference that some scout saw him in action and passed the word along.

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Gross Revenue From Pendozi In 1946 More Than Double Amount Collected In 1944

ELKS WANT CITY TO RUN AMBULANCE

Believe City Has Grown to Warrant Full Time Ambulance Driver

STUDY MATTER

Local B.P.O.E. Has Operated Ambulance Service Here for Last Three Years

The local branch of the B.P.O.E. has recommended that the local ambulance service be taken over by the city and that the machine should be permanently kept at the Kelowna fire hall.

This suggestion was made in a letter to the City Council on Monday night, when J. Ollerich, Executive of the local B.P.O.E., pointed out that the city has grown to such an extent that it warrants a full-time ambulance driver.

The Elks have operated the ambulance service for the past three years, and drivers have been available at all times of the day and night. However, it is pointed out that a times employees are not on duty, and employees taking time-off, and that at night, many have not telephones and the service is slowed up in trying to locate attendants.

After discussing the matter briefly, City Council decided to refer the matter to Alderman R. P. Walrod and Maurice Melkie for further study.

Text of the letter to the City Council, read by the mayor, was: "Since our lodge has taken over the running of the ambulance it has become a full time job. All the doctors, the hospitals and the general public are now calling on the ambulance for service. These calls are mounting each month, every day sometimes with two or three calls each day and night. We have service in Kelowna and district and have had runs to Vernon and Penticton. We met trains for patients and have taken patients to the hospital. We have had calls at night, to any place. We have charges run from \$2.50 in the city to \$5 in the district, depending on distances. With the population of Kelowna and district increasing, the calls will increase."

"But we have many limitations. Each call requires two attendants, sometimes more. Day time calls are the most difficult because most of the members are working for firms and are not always available at the time of the call, and employers sometimes frown on their employees who take time out for ambulance work. At night many have not phones and it slows up service trying to locate attendants."

Unheated Garage
"Also, the ambulance, at present, is kept in an unheated, frame garage. We were able at first to have it kept in Beggs Bros. storage garage, which was always heated, but that has not been available for over a year. In the cooler weather the blankets on the stretcher are damp and cold and the patient is in danger of catching a chill."

"We sincerely believe that our ambulance service is greatly needed in Kelowna and district and it should continue to be so, but under the present circumstances we feel that we cannot give the service if we are writing to the City Council to ask for their help."

"We have heard that the Council had thought of using the fire hall as an ambulance headquarters, and the attendants at the hall as attendants for the ambulance. If this is true, we feel that the good will we have built up will not be in vain for the service given then would be much improved in speed and comfort to the patient."

"It is with regret that we have to come to this decision, but with the spirit of community service and welfare of those that need the service of the ambulance in mind, we believe the ambulance could be operated by the community if operated by operators who could devote more time to same."

"We sincerely hope you will give this matter your earnest consideration."

CITY BARBERS BOOST PRICES 30 PER CENT

Kelowna residents started paying more for their haircuts this morning—to the tune of 30 per cent, to be exact.

Decision to up the price of haircuts and shaves was made by local barbers' association this week, after Vancouver barbers increased their prices last week. The new prices which went into effect this morning are: haircuts from 50 cents to 65 cents, and shaves from 25 cents to 35 cents. Only one local barber has decided to charge 55 cents.

Application from the Kelowna Hospital Women's Auxiliary to hold a tag day this year was filed with other applications.

Gross Revenue Last Year Amounts to \$60,955.70, An Increase of \$18,866.45 over 1945 and a Gain of \$30,706.20 Over 1944—More Than 200 per cent Increases Recorded in Summer Months Compared With Previous Two Years—Increase in Revenue Shows Need of 24 Hour Ferry Service—Board of Trade Officials Will Meet Minister of Public Works Next Week

Second Ferry Now Being Built

GROSS revenue from the ferry operating between Kelowna and Westbank last year more than doubled the total amount collected in 1944, and was an increase of \$18,866.45 over the same period in 1945, it was revealed this morning from records kept by the Department of Public Works. A total of \$60,955.70 was collected during the twelve months of last year. With the summer months showing the largest amount of revenue, more than 200 per cent increases were recorded in some instances over the corresponding months in the years 1944 and 1945.

The 24-hour ferry service went into effect the early part of last year, and this, no doubt, was largely responsible for the large increase in gross revenue. Effective last Monday, the service has now been curtailed from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight, and this is one of the main points of criticism in the Board of Trade's contention that the service should be continuous. It is pointed out that the increased automobile traffic in the Southern part of the Valley warrants the highway being kept open twenty-four hours a day. Hon. E. C. Carson, Minister of Public Works, is due to arrive in Kelowna the early part of this week, and the matter will be thoroughly discussed with him.

The steady increase in the gross ferry revenue, compared with 1944 and 1945, is seen in the following table:

	1944	1945	1946
January	\$ 2,314.05	\$ 1,933.50	\$ 1,208.40
February	2,318.65	1,925.15	1,615.15
March	3,397.25	2,298.20	1,928.40
April	4,251.65	2,902.65	2,242.75
May	5,192.75	2,991.75	2,167.50
June	6,282.45	2,694.00	2,698.90
July	8,389.00	5,599.45	3,837.60
August	8,622.70	5,483.75	4,023.40
September	6,891.20	5,676.65	3,443.30
October	5,484.90	4,051.90	2,918.95
November	4,272.00	3,114.80	2,210.65
December	3,569.70	2,426.50	2,054.50
Totals	\$60,955.70	\$42,089.25	\$30,249.50

The increase is the largest in the history of M.S. Pendozi, and while it must be realized that operating costs were correspondingly up since the 24-hour service was put into effect, nevertheless, it is pointed out that the traffic is there if the ferry was operating all night.

Steel sections of the sister ship of the Pendozi arrived in Kelowna the early part of this week, and several key men from Yarrow's Ltd., Victoria, also arrived to supervise the construction of the second ferry.

The cradle, constructed by the provincial government in the north end of the city, will be used for assembling the vessel. Our new ferry, carrying the same tonnage as the Pendozi, will be 5,444 last month, compared with 3,873 and 2,383 during the same months respectively. A total of 17,016 people paid passage last month, compared with 14,619 in December, 1945, and 13,367 in the same month in 1944.

Gil Mervyn Accepts Invitation To Act As Kelowna School Trustee Completing Nine-Man School Board

Local Merchant Says He Will Do His Best in Interests of Education—1947 School District Board is Now Complete—A. R. Pollard and Mrs. H. W. J. Paterson Welcomed as New Members—Agree to Lease Old Glenmore School to Community Club

GIL MERVYN, prominent Kelowna merchant, has accepted the invitation of School District No. 23 to act as Kelowna trustee on the nine-man board. This was revealed this morning after trustees last Monday night recommended that the local business man be asked to fill the vacant school board seat. Mr. Mervyn later told the Courier that while he has had no previous school board experience, he will endeavor to do his best in the interests of education. The second meeting of the 1947 board also unanimously agreed to elect G. C. Hume, of Glenmore as chairman, succeeding Dave Chapman, who retired the end of last year. The other new Kelowna members, A. R. Pollard and Mrs. H. W. J. Paterson were also welcomed to the new board.

On the recommendation of Mr. Hume, the old Glenmore school, used as a Community Hall for the past 20 years, will be leased to the Glenmore Community Club. The building was formerly used as a school before pupils started coming to Kelowna. This decision, however, is subject to the approval of the Department of Education. It was pointed out the structure would not accommodate enough pupils to be useful to the Glenmore district. If it was ever used for a school again extensive repairs would have to be undertaken.

As the Community Club uses the building for dramatics, Pro-Rec, and other forms of entertainment, I strongly recommend it be leased to the Glenmore club," declared Mr. Hume.

Bus Driver
An application to drive the school bus from Okanagan Mission was submitted to the board, and was referred to the transportation committee for further study. It was thought that two new buses, ordered last year, will be delivered within the month.

A. R. Pollard told the meeting he felt the district was rapidly approaching the point where it would Turn to Page 6, Story 1

VETERANS WANT BETTER GARBAGE DISPOSAL PLAN

Veterans occupying houses in the Bankhead subdivision, which were constructed under the Veterans' Land Act, want a better garbage collection system.

This was revealed at Monday night's City Council meeting when the Comet delivery service requested permission to use the city dump for disposal of garbage collected from the veterans' houses.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided to write the Municipality of Glenmore to see if it would be willing to pay part of the costs of disposing the garbage. A spokesman for the delivery service pointed out that the measure is only a temporary one, as the veterans want the Glenmore municipality to handle the garbage collection service.